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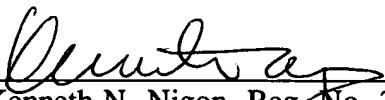
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Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicant's claim to the benefit of filing of prior Japanese Patent Applications No. 2001-44,750, filed February 21, 2001, No. 2001-49,630, filed February 26, 2001, No. 2001-125,395, filed April 24, 2001 and No. 2001-391,549, filed December 25, 2001, as stated in the inventor's Declaration, is hereby confirmed.

A certified copy of each of the above-referenced applications is enclosed.

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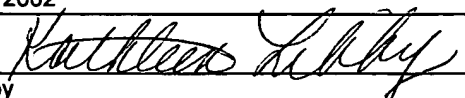
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